

State	No. of TSC projects sanctioned
Tamil Nadu	7
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	12
Uttaranchal	1
West Bengal	9
Pondicherry	1

### Administrative and Financial rights to Gram Panchayats

† 1176. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to give rights to the Gram Panchayats for development of roads/water/ health/education etc. of rural areas and proper utilisation of resources alongwith providing the funds directly which are being made available to them by the Central/State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it is considering to provide administrative rights alongwith financial rights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) Article 243-G of the Constitution has empowered the State Legislatures for devolution of power upon Panchayati Raj Institutions. The Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution listed 29 subjects which are to be devolved upon Panchayats in addition to the schemes for economic development and social justice. Subjects, namely, roads, drinking water, education including primary and secondary education and health and sanitation are included in this list. A conference of Ministers of Panchayati Raj of States and Union Territories held at New Delhi in July, 2001, *inter-alia*, resolved that the States and Union Territories would devolve powers upon Panchayats in respect of the 29 subjects listed in

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the Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution and issue executive instructions devolving specific executive powers upon each tier of Panchayats, by the end of March, 2002.

Funds under Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) of the Ministry of Rural Development are released to the Panchayats directly.

**Districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission**

1177. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission and the amount allocated during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(b) the number of new villages proposed to be covered in the scheme during 2001-2002 in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Drinking Water Supply component of the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). The State Government have the full powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. The information regarding district-wise coverage status is not maintained at the